

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATING OUTPUT FUNCTION STATUS INDICATIONS BETWEEN TWO OR MORE POWER SYSTEM PROTECTIVE RELAYS.**

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked.

(check one)  is attached hereto.  
\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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We hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Robert A. Jensen, Registration No. 24,268; and Clark A. Puntigam, Registration No. 25,763; Christopher O. Duffy, Registration No. 19,480. Address all telephone calls to: Clark A. Puntigam (206)448-3200 and FAX No. (206)441-5514. Address all correspondence to: Clark A. Puntigam, Jensen & Puntigam, P.S., 1020 United Airlines Bldg., 2033 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98121-2584 U.S.A.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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For: **SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATING OUTPUT FUNCTION STATUS INDICATIONS**  
**BETWEEN TWO OR MORE POWER SYSTEM PROTECTIVE RELAYS**

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 C.F.R. §§1.9(f) AND 1.27(c)) -- SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I declare that I am:

the owner of the small business concern identified below.  
 an official of the small concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below.

NAME OF CONCERN Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN 2350 N.E. Hopkins Court  
Pullman, Washington 99163

I declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. §121.3-18 and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. §41(a) and 41(b) in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern with regard to the invention entitled: **SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATING OUTPUT FUNCTION STATUS INDICATIONS BETWEEN TWO OR MORE POWER SYSTEM PROTECTIVE RELAYS** by inventors Edmund O. Schweitzer III and Gary W. Scheer

as described in:

the specification filed herewith.  
 application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.  
If the rights held by the small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(e).\*

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern and organization having rights to the invention averring to his/its status as a small entity. (37 C.F.R. §1.27)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Individual  
 Small Business Concern  
 nonprofit organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earlier of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. §1.28(b))

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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